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Training field is evacuated

CARLO ANGERER — Sports/Photo Editor

MSU police evacuated the university softball field area Tuesday afternoon after a suspicious item which looked like an antipersonnel mine was found.

Interim Police Chief Scott Barker said Morehead State softball coach Holly Brader reported the suspicious item lying in the creek behind the batting cages.

Kentucky State Police officers, Morehead firefighters and MSU Police examined the suspicious item and determined it was a training device depicting a Claymore antipersonnel mine — a

deadly explosive used by the U.S. military.

Barker said items like these are usually used by ROTC for training purposes.

Maj. Maxwell Ammons, chair of the MSU department of Military Science, said nobody was endangered by the fake mine, because it only consists of plastic and does not contain any explosives.

Ammons said records showed that the training device was not one used by the Morehead State ROTC program, though the pro-

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Budget still spells cuts for MSU

SARAH PERRY — Editor

Legislators finally agreed on a state budget April 2 that included a 3-percent cut to higher education.

Area lawmakers say they are disappointed in the lack of new revenue generated to help the current fiscal crisis, but overall, the budget is better for public universities than the one proposed by Governor Steve Beshear in late January.

State Rep. Rocky Adkins, D-Sandy Hook, in a statement issued to *The Trail Blazer* said the budget did not "live up to the expectations of many," but does include some important bonded projects that are important for Morehead State University.

He said there were five key projects planned for MSU:

- Housing and dormitory improvements for Mignon Tower and Alumni Tower
- A new Student Recreation Center
- Renovations to the power plant

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Kacey Johnson casts her vote Tuesday during SGA elections. Some said it was inconvenient because students could not vote online and had to fill out paper ballots in ADUC.

Photo by Carlo Angerer

Uncontested candidates sweep election

BETTY CHANEY — Campus Life Editor

MSU students found themselves behind black curtains Tuesday as they voted for the 2008-09 Student Government Association Executive Board. With Datatel lacking the ability for students to vote online, the election was held using paper ballots.

Election Commissioner Neil Arnett said the voter turnout was better than expected.

"We expected it to be low because there was no option to vote online but at 2 o'clock over 350 had voted and there has been a steady stream since then," Arnett said.

Students who were unable to be at the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC) at the allotted time had the option of filing an absentee ballot, new to the SGA election process. These students could vote three days prior to the election, if the student had a valid reason.

"SGA wrote it into their bylaws if online voting is not available then they

will make use of absentee ballots," Arnett said. "It doesn't make sense to allocate absentee ballot resources when you can vote online."

In this year's election, 432 voted with 381 of those going toward Michael Wayne Harmon, who ran uncontested for President. Harmon said he is going to make some changes in SGA.

"They [students] elected me - I'm going to speak on their behalf," Harmon said. "I want to talk to everyone first to get a general idea of what they want. I'm here to serve the students."

In his first 50 days in office Harmon wants to speak to all MSU 101 classes and organizations that frequently meet.

"I'm excited to represent students, to speak to everyone, and to get SGA's name out there hopefully making a difference along the way," Harmon said.

In contested races, Heather

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Tanning legislation enforcement spotty

WHITNEY EVANS — Staff Writer

Indoor tanning continues to be a common pastime for Kentucky teens and legislators in the commonwealth are taking notice. Despite evidence proving the dangers, 2.3 million teenagers in the United States still use indoor tanning facilities every year.

State legislation with tanning regulations designed to protect minors was finalized in the fall of 2007, but it has yet to be enforced in Rowan County.

The law requires local health

departments and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to monitor and oversee tanning facilities. Businesses must register with the local health department once a year, for a fee of \$20.

Businesses with tanning facilities must provide written statements to customers warning them of the risks associated with tanning. Teens ages 14 through 18 are required to have written parental consent to tan and children under the age of 14 must be accom-

panied by an adult during each visit. The law requires businesses to keep a record of how long minors tan and

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—Jack Ditty Dermatologist

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who practices in Ashland, said those records will be kept on file for several years.

"Exposure to tanning beds before age 35 increases melanoma risk by 75 percent," Ditty said. "Kids under 13 would not have any concept of that - that what they're doing today at age 10, 11 or 12 is going to come back to be a life threatening risk to them at say 25 or 30 years old."

Ditty said this component of the law holds tanning facility owners accountable for the health of

their customers.

"If a young woman dies at say, 25 and has been tanning for 5 years during her teenage years, that's all going to be logged in and I think that's going to be subject to use by attorneys," Ditty said. "The tanning bed operators will be liable, there will be lawsuits settled and they'll be responsible for causing her death."

Ditty said he would be in favor of much more stringent guidelines than the current law, including a complete phasing out of indoor tanning devices.

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Budget

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"Construction of an Honors College facility and renovations to the library, Burton Auditorium and several labs."

"Construction to the Athletic Administration and Sports Performance Building."

"This is not a great budget, but I believe we have done the best we can under tough economic times to maintain our commitment to higher education," Adkins said.

MSU President Wayne Andrews said, on one level, he was relieved to hear that the budget passed a 3-percent

decrease in funding instead of the initially proposed 12-to-15-percent cut. He said, "The hard part is cutting 6 percent out of our budget," which totals \$3 million during the biennium.

The state's eight public universities have to figure out how to manage this 3-percent cut for the new biennium on top of the 3-percent slash to the current operating budget.

Andrews said MSU administrators will "reorganize to be more efficient, eliminate some things, and anticipate revenue

from tuition increases."

There will be a "minimal impact" on existing jobs, and every vacant position will be evaluated to determine if it will be filled. Faculty positions will have the first priority, he said.

Adjunct and part-time professors could see some impact, Andrews said. The administration plans to reorganize the way housing is staffed, and will create positions for area coordinators, who will be responsible for more than one residence hall.

The possibility of the bookstore being privatized is still a good one, he said. Everything will depend on the "financial advantage" of the University Bookstore being turned over to another company for management.

With the new per-credit-hour tuition model, Andrews said he is unsure of the exact increase some students could see but is confident the majority of students will not face too much of a hardship.

"I expect that the majority of our students will have a tuition increase of less than 7 percent under the new tuition model," Andrews said.

He said the new state budget also restored the cuts to the KEES scholarship program.

Students at MSU could have lost more than a combined \$1 million in aid over the course of two years, he said.

Andrews said students will have to pay for the agency bond projects that were restored in the budget. The renovations to housing and the Student Recreation Center will be financed through tuition and housing fees.

He noted that none of the university presidents were excited about the "very aus-

terent" budget, and the cuts weren't as "draconian" as they might have been, but schools were still going to struggle to implement changes.

"There's no doubt that we can run the university with less money if we want a smaller university," Andrews said. "But that's not our future. Our future is to grow to meet the double-the-numbers (plan) because we know higher education leads to a better life."

Election

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Kettering, John J. Hawkins and Shane L. Allen were winners. Kettering is the new Vice President for Administration after beating rival Chris Burgen by 79 votes. Hawkins outscored Valencia Dickerson by 109 votes to win the office of Vice President for Campus Involvement. Shane L. Allen beat Chris Hamilton for the position of Vice President for Finance.

Kettering would like to make the minutes from SGA meetings more visible for students.

"Minutes are online for the student body to see but most students don't take time to pull them up," Kettering said. "I'd like to keep the minutes online but I'd also like to have a summary typed up on the tables or put them up on the screens in ADUC."

Kettering said she anticipates working with the other elected officials and serving the student body.

Hawkins is excited about the changes within SGA.

"Each year new execs take different directions and everyone is all new to the exec board except for our new president," Hawkins said. "I look forward to the new ideas and being able to gauge those and work with them."

Benji Conner ran unopposed for the position of Executive Vice President. Jessica Hall picked up the uncontested position of Vice President for Public Relations. Many MSU students think online voting is a better way to cast a vote.

Senior Shaun Mollette liked the convenience of vot-

ing online.

"It was better if I didn't have to come to ADUC," he said. "Paper voting makes it feel more important though. You have to make an effort to do it instead of taking a break from Facebook for a minute."

Freshman Kyle May has no experience with online voting. "I think it would have helped but the way they did it was very fast and efficient," he said. "I was in and out in no time. It's just a matter of people willing to go to ADUC and vote."

Explosive

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gram uses similar devices. After examining the training device Ammons said he thought it had been exposed to the elements for a long time, possibly years, because all metal components were rusted.

Where the fake mine came from remains unclear. Ammons said it could have

been left from other military personnel training in the area or from civilians using it in paintball fights or similar activities.

Ammons said the training device could be bought online at military surplus stores for about \$500.



Photo by Carlos Aguerre
The antipersonnel mine that was found Tuesday at the softball field was not found to be dangerous.

Tanning

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"I think this is just the bare minimum," he said. "I think they should not be legal at all. I think there is a tremendous lobbying power on the part of the tanning booth operators that prevent more effective laws from being enforced."

Ocean Wave tanning salon in Morehead follows guidelines similar to that of the recent legislation. Ocean Wave's policy requires customers under the age of 18 to have written parental consent.

Warning signs about the dangers of tanning are displayed in the salon and the facility keeps a computer log showing which customers are tanning and for how long. The computer program will not allow a customer to tan more than once in a 24-hour period.

Ocean wave owner Van Stevens said, unlike state law, Ocean Wave does not allow teens under the age of 14 to tan at all.

"I've been cursed at, I've been screamed at over it," Stevens said. "I had one lady that came in one night and she brought her 10-year-old daughter in and she told me that another salon in town let her tan. I explained to her, I'm sorry, you're going to have to go to the other salon that lets you do it."

He said with all these precautions, he does not think he can be held accountable for

the health of his customers.

"We have them sign a release form," Stevens said. "And as far as my accountability, these people are adults. They know what they want to do. My conscience is clean."

Stevens said he does not oppose the new regulations. Like cigarettes, tanning is a dangerous vice that should be regulated, but not banned.

Rowan County Health Department's Health Environmentalist Debra Thomas said the regulations would keep young people

from tanning too often and for too long. With prom around the corner and the onset of spring, now is the peak time for tanning season.

But contrary to popular belief, she said there is no such thing as a healthy tan.

"It's a good piece of legislation because I don't think young people really understand the risk of going to tanning beds, or for that matter, the risk of being out in the sun," Thomas said. "Because personally, I didn't understand it when I was that age and as a

result I usually have about one skin cancer cut off per year."

Thomas said the department is in the process of conducting businesses in Rowan County that offer tanning beds. Once all businesses are notified, the law will be enforced.

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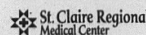
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EDITORIAL

New chief starts with clean slate

A new police chief will take over the reins on April 21 and begin his venture of operating the Morehead State Police Department. Matt Sparks has the opportunity to create a new atmosphere for the students, faculty and staff at MSU. He could set the tone and collaborate with all departments and programs to achieve a truly equal communicative balance.

The past police chiefs have sometimes failed to communicate well with the student body. The police station at Laughlin Health Building stands as a point of intimidation on campus because it wields the power of dishing out parking tickets, towing cars and arresting students. Students can be heard all across campus griping about the lack of parking and the high amount of parking tickets issued each semester. Some students ponder the deficiencies of the police department, and some wonder what the officers do other than writing tickets.

But this is a point in time when negative attitudes and perceptions on campus can take a positive turn. MSU Police do offer some valuable services - Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) classes, officers shuttle students late at night from overflow parking to the dorms and detectives ensure that our campus is safe. Some students don't realize this because of the austere attitudes and personalities of past police chiefs, and workers in the ticket windows.

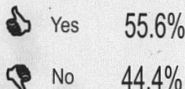
Sparks has the experience to run the police department. He seems to have the motivation and dedication to protect students, faculty, administrators and staff who walk along University Boulevard. The Trail Blazer is confident he can turn the lack of trust in the police force completely around and offer a more communicative and open department to all of campus.

S.P.



ONLINE POLL

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Commentary

Legislators suffer spring fever



Carlo Angerer
Sports/Photo Editor

We're just entering spring in Kentucky but some state legislators have already gotten a little bit too much sun. They presented a stripped down state budget last week and were proud of getting it done - proud of putting Kentucky's future on the brink of disaster.

Of course, everything seems sunny now, considering the state has been blasted since January with horrific messages from Frankfort

hinting at 12 to 15 percent budget cuts, mandating cuts to everything from education and healthcare to law enforcement agencies and public services. People were prepared to have to sell their children.

The proposed 3-percent budget cuts to public universities seems like a miracle now. But it is a cut big enough to cripple state schools. The goal of doubling the number of bachelor's degrees by 2020 will go down the drain along with many college programs. A significant tuition increase will be necessary to keep universities afloat.

Other areas will suffer,

too. Funding for elementary and secondary education will remain at the same level, which in essence means a cut. Taking into account inflation and record diesel prices impacting transportation costs, the money spent on books and teachers will have to go down. Health and human services will get \$40 million less than in an earlier budget draft.

Times are tough and cuts are necessary, but not at this level. The legislature had had a chance to reduce the cuts, but didn't. The House had passed a package of tax increases, including a higher cigarette tax and levies on some commercial services,

but the Senate struck it down. Higher taxes are not great, but a lot better than cutting funds for education and essential services. These cuts will jeopardize Kentucky's future and will create more problems - including more budget problems.

The budget mess Frankfort has created just pushes the problems into the future, with no plan nor hope in sight for solutions. The problems will just get graver. State legislators must take stock of their folly and step in out of the sunshine long enough to realize they've created an almost certain cloudy future for Kentucky.

Letters to the Editor

Reader urges staff to be patient

Dear Editor,

Sorry Democracy is so inconvenient for you, all citizens have the right to vote and your impatience is just about meaningless. At one point Obama was behind, should he have quit then??

You can cry out for a quick resolution till you are blue in the face, it means nothing!! Ask the people of Indiana, and Pennsylvania and Florida etc.

Quit your whining!! If you do not want the Party to be a split, you should have done your homework; tell the

people about Pastor Wright, about his inexperience.

Bernard Revollo
Elgin, Ill.

Sen. Clinton should not leave race

Dear Editor,

I have been a reader of articles on trailblazeronline and appreciate the value it brings. However, your comments in today's write-up asking Sen. Clinton to leave the race is unfair to the rest of us living in states whose voices have not been heard.

While I do not agree with Sen. Clinton on many issues,

she clearly is not a bigot, nor is she anti-American. She does not associate with people like Rev. Wright who is a racist, anti-American and anti-Semitic. His tirades have been divisive and counterproductive to the values our parents fought for over 100 years.

Over the years, the totality of work done by Sen. Clinton has been positive. I know you speak the truth, but we need to acknowledge that Sen. Obama is far more divisive and corrosive than Sen. Clinton can ever be.

As a supporter of your online reporting, I am perplexed why you are asking Sen. Clinton to leave the race when my voice has not been heard. Please give the

process a chance. Your insistence on pressuring Sen. Clinton to leave the race invalidates the many millions of Americans who are already supporting her. In fairness and balance, I wish you would spend more time examining Sen. Obama's records which are nearly non-existence. Please read about some of these which I just recently became aware at: <http://www.obamaunited.com>

Maybe, just maybe you will think twice about supporting a man who has associated himself with a racist for 20 years!

Navid Keshavaz-Nia, Ph.D.
Vienna, Va.

Campus Comment

What should the new police chief's top priority be?

MSU's new police chief takes over April 21. The Trail Blazer asked students what campus issue he should focus on first.



Angel Wright
Freshman Special Education
Powell County, Ky.

"Making himself available to the students."



Dustin Hinds
Senior Physics
Frenchburg, Ky.

"Something with the parking fines."



Michelle Simpson
Senior Middle Grade Education
Georgetown, Ky.

"Residence Hall safety. Campus safety is not an issue, but residence hall safety is."



Adam Roberts
Sophomore Construction Management
Breathitt County, Ky.

"Making a safe campus."

CAMPUS LIFE

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Spunky student organizes busy life

ALEXIS DAWSON - Managing Editor

The pink streak whizzes by Breckinridge Hall, slows down and comes to a halt in a small parking space. The streak — actually a Yamaha R6, is driven by a slight woman, decked out in black stilettoes, snug dark jeans and a shiny black top.

The woman slides off the motorcycle and removes her pink helmet, and quickly checks in her side mirror to see if her platinum blonde hair remains in place. She closes her eyes, takes a deep breath, and lets out a long sigh.

It has been a long day. After a hectic day filled with internship work, ad sales, sorority functions and coaching the MSU Dance Team, there is nothing like a nice long ride on a motorcycle to relax — or at least that is what it takes for Lyndsay Woodrum.

Woodrum, a senior majoring in advertising and public relations, might live one of the busiest lives on this campus. In her four years as a college student, she has completed several internships, been active in the Chi Omega sorority and worked for The Trail Blazer staff.

During the 2007 Homecoming game, Woodrum was crowned homecoming queen.

"This was one of my most important accomplishments," Woodrum says. "I live my life by the motto, 'Treat others the way you want to be treated.' I think I've been a big impact on people."

But aside from being so busy, Woodrum is well known on campus for her spunk. She says she has always strived to be unique and stand out in a crowd. Her freshman year of college, she carried around a Barbie doll that favored her in appearance.

Woodrum says her high school senior cheerleading coach presented her with the unusual gift that was dressed in a mini version of Lyndsay's high school cheerleading uniform — and she just wanted the doll to be close when she carried it around.

"The people who really know me were like, 'she just really loves Barbie,'" she says. "The people who don't were like, 'what the heck's going on?' I didn't do it as an attention-type thing — I just wanted to carry my doll. I just figured if people like me, they'll like me if I have my Barbie doll or I don't have my Barbie doll."

Woodrum is "obsessed" with Barbie and says she knows everything about her. She receives monthly Barbie catalogs in the mail and decorates her bedroom with Barbie items.

her. Woodrum says riding a motorcycle is a way to be free and think about things.

"I have a need for speed unfortunately," she says. "It's a really big adrenaline rush,

and I love adrenaline."

She also plans to get her adrenaline rushes high in the air by obtaining a pilot's license someday. Woodrum says she "loves to fly" and wants to explore a field where

women are scarce.

"I don't like people to look at me and think just because I'm a girl and just because I'm pretty that I can't do something," she says. "I like to find the things that people would

just totally not expect at all and complete those tasks successfully."

Her other hobbies include sports, especially softball, dancing, working out and styling her hair.

"A weird love I have is organization. I love writing in my planner every day," Woodrum says. "That's why I have really good time management skills, because every night I develop a list of things I have to do in chronological order, from east campus to west campus from when I get up to when I go to bed, and then I get to mark things off."

Amy Wallen, one of Woodrum's close friends, says not a day goes by that Woodrum does not keep a full schedule.

"I don't see how anyone can manage time the way she does, but she somehow completes everything," Wallen said. "Any time she has free she's really active or riding her bike. She deserves to have a little fun with her crazy schedule."

Woodrum says her great inspirations have been her sister and her mother. Her sister went to MSU and was involved in many similar organizations as Woodrum.

"I try to follow in my sister's footsteps," she says. "My mom has always found a way to really push me and make me follow through with what I've said I'm going to do. She did that to my sister and I'm thankful she did that to me as well."

Woodrum says she wants to first become a sales representative for a pharmaceutical industry or Cintas Corporation after graduation in May, and then build herself up to a possible a district manager in a Fortune 500 company.

She says some people might get the wrong impression of her because of her platinum-blond hair, tan skin and fashion style, but her differences actually help her in her field. Sales companies are looking for young, attractive and unique people.

But overall, Woodrum says she wants to be different to prove a unique person can be accepted in today's strict societal standards.

"I like to be unique because I like to be an inspiration to people," she says. "I just want to be different from people — I want people, whenever they meet me, I want them to remember me."



Photos by: Carlo Angerer

Above, MSU senior Lyndsay Woodrum sits on her unmistakable pink Yamaha R6 during some free time between internship work, classes, sorority business, coaching responsibilities and other activities. Below, Woodrum finishes classes for the day and is able to cross them off her daily to-do list.

"I know everything about her," she says, laughing. "I can sit here and tell you her parents' names, when she graduated — she had over 40 pets. Pretty much I know everything about her."

Woodrum says she didn't care much for Barbie when she was younger because she was a "tomboy," but as Woodrum grew older, she began to realize that Barbie was more than just a pretty face.

"The main reason why I really liked Barbie was basically just because she was unique," Woodrum says. "She had a lot of hair styles, clothing styles, drove motorcycles — and she didn't look like the type of person who would do that."

Woodrum says she also enjoys doing the things people wouldn't expect her to do, such as driving a motorcycle. When she was 16 years old, she began riding with many of her friends while begging her parents to purchase a bike for



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Greg and Rebecca Sparks of Pittsburgh, Penn., brought students out to the ADUC lawn for a concert on Tuesday. The event was sponsored by SGA and the Methodist Student Center.

Fields Hall will house foreign language students

KRISTIN HAUGSTEN - Staff Writer

In order to "create a language community among students" three professors at Morehead State have come up with the idea to set up a separate, yet not fully enclosed housing area in Fields Hall.

Philip Krummrich, Vicente Cano and Karen Taylor, all professors in the Department of English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy, suggested the idea of setting up a complete language housing section for Spanish and French majors and minors three years ago.

Taylor, a French professor, said 12 two-person rooms are planned — six rooms for French-speaking students and six rooms for Spanish-speaking students.

In addition, the program is looking for two graduate assistants from France and Spain to help students

improve their language skills and reduce their stress and self-consciousness.

"The system prioritizes American students who have taken at least one or two semesters of the foreign languages Spanish or French," Taylor said. "But secondary to this we might offer it to international students and international students as well."

She said the program would give people who do not have the opportunity to travel a better chance to interact with others who think alike when it comes to communication, culture and diversity.

"We have looked at other universities and programs similar to ours and it works," Taylor said.

Maria Harless, a Spanish and French major, said, "The program would enable us to

practice our language skills as well as taking part in meetings and activities related to languages. The best part is that it will improve our conversation skills due to the planned GA's, who will be native speakers of France and Spain."

Housing Director Dallas Sammons said people in the foreign language program proposed the idea of the theme floor and her office wanted to work with them.

In order to participate, students must submit the usual applications to student housing and check for criteria in the Department of English, Foreign Language and Philosophy, she said.

Sammons said there will be two co-ed floors where students would share kitchens, bathrooms and laundry rooms. The two graduate assistants would have their own

room.

"We are still developing the program," Sammons said. "We will look at who returns to the building and then start working people in."

So far, eight students have applied to the program, which will take effect in the fall.



Beginning Fall 2008, Fields Hall will help to serve as a community for foreign language students. It will help to provide 24 students and two graduate assistants from France and Spain with a place to practice their language skills on a daily basis.

Campus Calendar

April 10 - 11

Registration for Summer I, II, and Fall 2008

Button Drill Room, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

April 13

"Reflections" Dance concert
Lucille Little Theatre, 2 p.m.

April 15

Concert: Big Band with Jazz Ensemble I and II
Duncan Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

April 16

Concert: Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble
Duncan Recital Hall, 3 p.m.

April 16

Comedy: John Mulaney
Button Auditorium, 8 p.m.

April 14

Kentucky Blood Center blood drive

April 17

Concert: Guitar Ensemble
Duncan Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

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SPORTS

Softball Eagles sweep Austin Peay and beat ECU

CARLO ANDERER — Sports Editor

With a 4-1 win over ECU Wednesday night the MSU softball team took the season series from the Colonels after a 2-1 loss and 5-4 win on March 25.

The success followed a series sweep at Austin Peay over the weekend. During Saturday's doubleheader the Lady Eagles beat the Lady Governors 6-1 in the first

game and took the five-inning decision 10-0.

Sunday afternoon Ashley Archer, Allie Hoskofsky and Courtney Seiler all posted three hits. Morehead State scored 20 hits overall defeating Austin Peay 11-2.

The Eagles are now 24-7 overall and 8-4 in the OVC. They take on Jacksonville State at home next weekend.

Wakeman finishes third in 5,000-meter run

CARLO ANDERER — Sports Editor

The Morehead State men's outdoor track and field team finished 12th out of 18 teams when they competed in the Oliver Nikoloff Invitational at the University of Cincinnati on Saturday.

Josh Wakeman placed best for the Eagles by finishing third in the 5,000-meter run in 14:56.40 — his personal best time. MSU's Ron Duncan fol-

lowed in fourth place in 14:56.46.

The women's team placed 16th out of 19 teams at the invitational.

Brittany Brown finished fourth in the triple jump with a season best of 34'07".

On Saturday the Eagles will compete at the University of Cumberland Invitational.

Eagle of the Week

Chris Burns — Staff Writer

Sophomore Ashley Archer has been named "Eagle of the Week" by the Trail Blazer sports staff for her breakout performance last weekend against Austin Peay.

Archer came into the series with APSU on a mission to prove her capabilities. She went 6-8 in the three games with 8 RBIs and a double.

"I knew it was going to be a good weekend after I got my double. It felt good for the ball to come off the bat like that," Archer said.

The first two games were routs for the Eagles as they tore into Austin Peay pitcher's, busting 23 hits and a 16-5 run advantage in a double-header sweep.

Archer contributed at the plate going 3-5 with 4 RBIs.

The final game of the series proved to be Archer's time to shine. She went 3-4 at the plate driving in a career high 4 runs, as well as going a perfect 2-2 on stolen bases.

"I think it let me relax a little bit, it let me do what I love to do and play softball," Archer said.

The rest of the team added 17 extra hits on top of Archer and 7 more runs giving them an 11-2 victory in a run-riddled 5 inning contest.

As well as being named "Eagle of the Week," Archer was named OVC softball player of the week. The Eagles will play Jacksonville State this weekend at home.

Tennis teams split matches in Tennessee

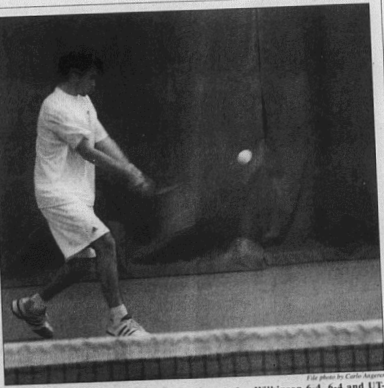
CARLO ANDERER — Sports Editor

The Morehead State men's and women's tennis teams split their matches at Austin Peay and the University of Tennessee at Martin during their weekend road trip to the Volunteer State.

On Saturday the men's team defeated Austin Peay 3-2 with wins by Greg Johnson, Dusan Milovanovic, Charles Williams and Lovel Medcalf in the singles competition. Sunday MSU beat UT-Martin 4-3.

The women's team beat Austin Peay 6-1 with single wins by Madeleine Anferro, Megan Rozboril, Lauren Delancy, Heather Butt and Alis Kakov. The Lady Eagles lost to UT-Martin 6-1.

This weekend MSU will travel to Alabama to take on Jacksonville State and Samford.



MSU's Charles Williams defeated Austin Peay's Jay Wilkinson 6-4, 6-4 and UT-Martin's Petr Markov 6-4, 6-3.

Up next:
MSU - Jacksonville State
April 12 - 1 p.m.
University Field



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Eagles defeat Marshall again on home turf

CARLO ANDERER — Sports Editor

After losing all games against Austin Peay the MSU baseball team fought back

The Eagles lost all three games on the road over the weekend in a series against OVC rival Austin Peay.

On Tuesday the Eagles came back to home turf and beat Marshall 13-9 in a non-conference matchup — their second win over the Herd in a week. The Eagles took a 6-3 win over Marshall on April 2.

"That's a good program we beat Tuesday's win. 'We gave up some runs in the top of the first and we were able to come back and score in the bottom of the first. I think that took wind out of their sails and added a little wind to our sails at that point.'"

The Eagles had little wind in their sails against Austin Peay. The Governors took the first game 20-4 with four MSU runs coming on a grand slam by Trent Hanna in the eighth inning.

"We fell behind very early and we fell behind by a lot," Sorg said. "It was tough to make up for that."

The Eagles lost the second game 4-3 and the third 8-2.

Sorg has blamed recent series losses on a lack of

pitching depth, as the main problem.

He said that continues to be a problem, calling it a "nemesis of running into death issues."

The team is now 1-8 in the OVC, but Sorg sees improvement since the beginning of the season — both on the mound and at the plate. It showed against Marshall.

The Tuesday game started with a three-run scoring spree by Marshall in the top of the first inning.

"I made mistakes and I paid for it," MSU pitcher Clay Muntz said.

The Eagles fought back in the bottom of the first putting four runs on the score board to take the lead.

From then on MSU batters kept striking the ball.

In the bottom of the second the Eagles added five more runs.

MSU Sophomore Michael Bottoms scored a grand slam and Andrew Wertz followed with a home-run on the next bat, putting the Eagles up 9-3.

"I had faith in them," Muntz said. "I knew they would fight back."

Muntz held

Marshall to just two runs during the next two innings.

"Clay Muntz did a really good job bouncing back after that first inning and kept us in the ball game," Sorg said.

Marshall's Brandon Casamassima scored on a one-run homer in the top of the third

inning.

In the bottom of the fourth Bottoms got on first on a single, stole second and advanced to third on a Marshall error.

He reached home on a base hit by Michael Fear that bounced off the back wall.

That put MSU up 10-4.

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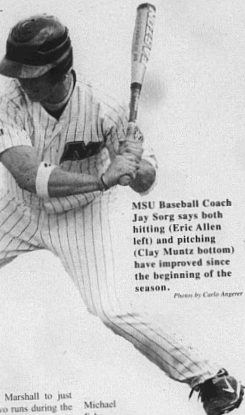
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MSU Baseball Coach Jay Sorg says both hitting (Eric Allen left) and pitching (Clay Muntz bottom) have improved since the beginning of the season.

Photos by Carlo Anderer

Sports used for Politics

From the Sports Desk

CARLO ANDERER — Sports Editor

Cable news channels spent the whole day Wednesday showing live pictures to the world of runners carrying, or at least trying to carry, the Olympic torch through about six blocks of San Francisco.

Authorities made last minute changes to the Olympic torch relay route as anti-Chinese protesters and Beijing supporters rallied along the scheduled route.

With China's recent hardline stand against protesters in Tibet, holding the Summer Olympics in Beijing has become a political issue. Human rights activists around the world are protesting the

games. Some are calling for a boycott.

But that would cause many athletes to loose out on a once-in-a-lifetime chance to compete in the Olympics.

Everything connected to the Olympics is political. That's why China sought to hold the Olympics in the first place.

The IOC likely hoped China would value human rights more if the games were held in Beijing. Instead China is fighting human rights even more.

Going on with the Olympics and using the games for protest is the world's best chance for putting pressure on China.

